

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gastric balloon comprising:
a shell;
a receiver having a recessed region in said shell;
a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the gastric balloon;
and
a retractable tubing housed in said receiver and extendable from [[the]] a stomach of a patient to [[the]] a mouth of the patient, wherein said shell is inflated and deflated from outside [[the]] a body of the patient via said retractable tubing.
2. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed in one or more spirals.
3. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed in a coil.
4. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is fluidly connected to the shell via an interface.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said receiver is a molded valve patch.

7. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 6 wherein said molded valve patch is bonded to said shell.
8. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said receiver divides said shell substantially into two hemispheres.
9. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 8 where said retractable tubing is housed in said receiver by wrapping said tubing around a small diameter portion of said shell formed by said receiver.
10. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed of a material having a memory to return said tubing to the proper shape for housing in said receiver.
11. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed of a soft material comprising a radial spring.
12. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed of a semi-rigid material having a memory to return said tubing to the proper shape for housing in said receiver.
13. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing comprises a shape memory alloy to return said tubing to the proper shape for housing in said receiver.

14. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 further comprising a cap for sealing said receiver.
15. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 further comprising a torsionally loaded axle, wherein said torsionally loaded axle resists removal of said retractable tubing from said receiver and returns said retractable tubing to said receiver for housing.
16. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 15 wherein said torsionally loaded axle is located vertically with respect to said receiver.
17. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 15 wherein said torsionally loaded axle is located horizontally with respect to said receiver.
18. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 15 wherein said torsionally loaded axle includes a pre-grooved surface for accommodating said retractable tubing.
19. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said valve is a slit valve.
20. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said valve is a septum.
- 21.-34. (Cancelled).

35. (New) A gastric balloon comprising:

a shell;

a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the shell;

a receiver having a molded valve patch coupled to the shell; and

a retractable tubing housed in said receiver and extendable from a stomach of a patient to a mouth of the patient, wherein said shell is inflated and deflated *in situ* from outside a body of the patient via said retractable tubing.

36. (New) The gastric balloon of claim 35 wherein the molded valve patch is bonded to said shell.

37. (New) A gastric balloon comprising:

a shell;

a receiver;

a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the gastric balloon;

a retractable tubing housed in said receiver and extendable from a stomach of a patient to a mouth of the patient, wherein said shell is inflated and deflated from outside a body of the patient via said retractable tubing; and

a torsionally loaded axle structured to retract said retractable tubing into said receiver.

38. (New) The gastric balloon of claim 37 wherein the receiver has a longitudinal axis and said torsionally loaded axle is substantially aligned along said longitudinal axis of the receiver.

39. (New) The gastric balloon of claim 37 wherein the receiver has a longitudinal axis and said torsionally loaded axle is substantially perpendicular with said longitudinal axis of the receiver.

40. (New) The gastric balloon of claim 37 wherein said torsionally loaded axle includes a grooved surface for accommodating said retractable tubing.

41. (New) A gastric balloon comprising:

a shell;

a receiver dividing said shell substantially into two hemispheres;

a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the gastric balloon;

and

a retractable tubing housed in said receiver and extendable from a stomach of a patient to a mouth of the patient, wherein said shell is inflated and deflated from outside a body of the patient via said retractable tubing.